

AERONAUTS MISSING AS BLIZZARD RAGES

Big Ferris Racing Balloon
Carried Six Passengers.

LOST IN MOUNTAIN DEFILES

Men Who Assembled Saturday Afternoon at Pasadena Will Probably Succumb to Cold and Hunger—Capt. Mueller, in Charge of Party, Known as a Dare-devil Aeronaut.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—The big Ferris racing balloon America, which ascended Saturday afternoon from Pasadena with Capt. A. E. Mueller and five men, has disappeared completely and no trace of it or of the aeronauts has yet been found.

A heavy blizzard began raging early Sunday morning, and it is thought the snow and sleet forced the balloon to earth in some of the defiles of Mount Lowe, and that unless the aeronauts succumbed to cold and hunger they will be rescued. The last seen of the balloon was when it passed through the Grand Canyon on the slope of Mount Lowe.

Besides Capt. Mueller, the pilot, the party includes Lane C. Gilliam, a prominent mining man, formerly of Walla Walla, Wash., now of the Hotel Maryland, Pasadena; Richard Halstead, president of the Fish and Oyster Market; Sydney Grey, a pigeon fancier; Harold Parker, a photographer, and F. C. Dodds, a chauffeur, all of Pasadena. Capt. Mueller is the only experienced aeronaut in the party.

Balloon Has Heavy Load.
Owing to the heavy load which the balloon carried, it is not thought possible that it succeeded in clearing three ranges of mountains and gaining the Mojave Desert to the northward.

The heaviest storm of this year raged from early Sunday morning until this afternoon in the mountain gorges, and the snow is so deep if the aeronauts landed anywhere on the mountain it would be impossible for them to escape without snow shoes.

Clouds still hang over the mountains, which will prevent the locating of the party by means of glasses. They had provisions for only one day, so they will suffer from hunger, and the mercury is 10 degrees below the freezing point.

Ferris, the owner of the balloon, believes that Mueller succeeded in landing the party in some gulch on the mountain side and that all will escape, but others are not so sanguine.

A Dare-devil Aeronaut.

Mueller is a dare-devil aeronaut who has been in many races and has had several narrow escapes. Last July he participated in an international race at Chicago wherein, in his balloon, he descended into Lake Michigan and was dragged for miles across the lake, narrowly escaping with his life.

A forest ranger, who has just come in from the Sierra Madre, says that on Sunday evening he saw a balloon go crashing down into a canyon ten miles beyond the Sierra Madre. The country is so rough there that he thinks all were killed or badly injured. An expedition which starts out in the morning will make at once for this point and investigate.

HINDS MAKES ANSWER.

Sends Letter Setting Forth His Views on House Rules.

Asher C. Hinds, parliamentary clerk of the House of Representatives, has written a letter to Representative Livingston, of Georgia, in regard to statements that Mr. Hinds had declared that the amendments recently made to the rules of the House strengthened instead of weakened the authority of Speaker Cannon.

Mr. Hinds denies that he made any such comment, and proceeds to explain his view of the effect of the amendments.

In his letter, Mr. Hinds says:

"I have never thought, and, as far as I can remember, have never said that the Fitzgerald amendment will intrude the Speaker in greater power in the House.

"What I have thought, and have said, is that it will relieve the Speaker of a great source of criticism, both in the House and the country, as it will take from him the duty as to unanimous consent legislation and place it on the members. Of course, if he is relieved of criticism in the country, he will naturally have a stronger standing there, and his standing in the country will help him in the House.

Dr. Cyril Fulton Dead.

Lovans, N. Y., March 22.—Dr. Cyril Fulton died this morning from pneumonia. He was born at Cornwall, Ontario, November 11, 1868. He was a son of the Hon. O. Fulton, member of Parliament, a direct descendant of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat.

DRUGGISTS FIND ECZEMA CURE.

The local druggist is naturally slow to recommend a remedy for any disease; he will make a recommendation as a rule, only after he has been thoroughly convinced. For he is not looking merely for one sale but must have permanently the confidence of his customers.

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Henry Evans, 523-24 F street n.w., and People's Drug Store, 524 Seventh street northwest.

MINORITY SCORES PARTY'S BOLTERS

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that under it the members were deprived of the rights they otherwise would have; rights, it was contended, the Constitution intended they should have.

The resolution finally was lost in the disorder that followed. It was:

"Adopted by Trickery."

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the Democrats of the House of Representatives, in caucus assembled, the present rules of the House were adopted by trickery; that they do not meet with the approval of a majority of the members, and that they should be immediately revised in a nonpartisan and impartial way, so that the House should become a more deliberative body; and to secure a just and fair revision in the public interests, the members of the House disassociated with the existing rules, and we hereby pledge ourselves to resort to every parliamentary device to accomplish such revision; and, further,

"Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed by the chairman of this caucus to confer with a like committee to be selected from the members of the majority agreeable hereto, and they to report, with all convenient speed, to a conference subsequently to be called."

Mr. Disgrace.

Following the meeting there was an air of disgust over the whole mix-up among the regular Democrats, who declared the actions of the insurgents were entirely what they would expect from anybody made the object of a resolution of censure. They said that the claims of the insurgents were nothing more than natural, and insisted that the party was on a solid foundation as it ever was in its history.

The Democrats declared that none of the appointments to committees by Speaker Cannon would be accepted by the Democrats unless they had the approval of Congress; that any members accepting such appointments would do so at their own peril.

What They Said.

This is what some of the insurgents had to say as they were leaving the meeting.

Mr. Fitzgerald—The manipulations of the Democratic party March 15, and to-night, are marked by the same idiosyncrasy that has characterized the Democratic party for the last fifteen years.

Mr. Kellie—Chump Clark to-night resigned his leadership to Ollie James. Mr. Clark as a leader proved an utter failure and had no following.

Mr. Harrison—We told them where they got off. We asserted our rights and will continue in our course, regardless of what they say.

Mr. Peters—I represent the Northern men in Congress, and will not be subverted to the selfish actions of the minority leader and his "kitchen cabinet."

The caucus adopted a set of rules in force in many respects to those in force in the Senate. Hereafter no member can be held responsible for his actions on any questions on which he is pledged to his constituents, nor on any question involving the Constitution. Neither can a member be held accountable for his action by the caucus, if he notifies the caucus in writing of his intended action.

The rules, as adopted, are as follows:

Preamble.

"In adopting the following rules for the Democratic caucus we affirm and declare that the following cardinal principle should control Democratic actions:

"(a) In essentials of Democratic principles and doctrines, unity.

"(b) In nonessentials and in all things not involving fidelity to party principles, entire individual independence.

"(c) Party alignment only in matters of party faith or party policy.

"(d) Friendly conference, and, whenever reasonably possible, party co-operation.

Democratic Caucus Rules.

"1. All Democratic members of the House of Representatives shall be prima facie members of the Democratic caucus.

"2. Any member of the Democratic caucus failing to abide by the rules governing the same shall thereby automatically cease to be a member of the caucus.

"3. Meetings of the Democratic caucus may be called by the chairman on his own motion, and shall be called by him whenever requested in writing by twenty-five members of the caucus.

"4. A quorum of the caucus shall consist of a majority of the Democratic members of the House.

"5. General parliamentary law with such special rules as may be adopted shall govern the meeting of the caucus.

"6. In the election of officers, and in the nominations of candidates for office in the House, a majority of the present and voting shall bind the membership of the caucus.

"7. In deciding upon action in the House involving party policy or principle, a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a caucus meeting shall bind all members of the caucus; provided, the said two-thirds vote is a majority of the full Democratic membership of the House; and, provided, no member shall be bound upon questions involving a construction of the Constitution of the United States or upon which he made contrary pledges to his constituents prior to his election; or upon which instructions by resolution or platform from his nominating authority.

Must Be Notified.

"8. Whenever any member of the caucus shall determine by reason of either of the exceptions provided for in the above paragraph not to be bound by the action of the caucus on those questions, it shall be his duty, if present, so to advise the caucus before the adjournment of the meeting at which action is taken; or if not present at the meeting, promptly to notify the Democratic leader in writing, so that the party may be advised before the matter comes to issue upon the floor of the House.

"9. That the five-minute rule that governs the House of Representatives shall govern debates in the Democratic caucus, unless suspended by a vote of the caucus.

REPUBLICANS CONTROL.

Elect Majority of Hagerstown Council at Municipal Election.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., March 22.—By electing two of their three candidates for the city council at the municipal election in Hagerstown to-day, the Republicans will continue in control of that body. Of the two hold-over councilmen one is a Republican and the other a Democrat.

The successful candidates to-day were: First ward, M. A. Mogenson, Democrat, re-elected; Third ward, George B. McClellan, Republican; Fifth ward, Frank P. Altp, Republican, re-elected.

TO TEST APPLE CULTURE.

Government Plans Experiments in Valley of Virginia.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Winchester, Va., March 22.—Recognizing this section of the Shenandoah Valley as one of the best fruit-producing regions of the country, the United States Agricultural Department sent Dr. M. B. Walte, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, here to-day to hold conferences with leading fruit men in regard to locating the experimental station in the immediate vicinity of Winchester. It is expected that the plans will be completed in a day or two and a site selected for the industry.

ST. CLAIR NOW WAIVES Man Charged With Shooting Held for Grand Jury.

BULLOCK'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Taking Deposition Postponed by the Authorities—Negro Arrested by Post-office Men—Cadets of St. John to Parade During the Homecoming Week in Alexandria.

Alexandria News Agency, 622 King street, Alexandria, Va., authorized agents and carriers for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 622 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., March 22.—Charles A. St. Clair, charged with shooting with intent to kill John Bullock, when arraigned before Justice Wright, in Fairfax County, this afternoon, waived a preliminary hearing and was held for the grand jury.

The deposition of Bullock was to have been taken to-day by J. D. Normoyle, notary public, but owing to Bullock's critical condition it could not be done. This action was decided upon by W. E. Stonnell, of Fairfax County, who accompanied Mr. Normoyle to the hospital. At the hospital it was stated to-night that Bullock continues in a critical condition.

Winter W. Harris, a negro, was arrested at Manassas to-day on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails.

Among the features being planned for homecoming week is a reunion of the cadets of old St. John's Academy, this city.

The pupils in the Lee Public School for Girls, at King and Alfred streets, will be transferred to the new public school building on the north side of Prince street, between Patrick and Henry streets, by April 1.

ROOSEVELT LIKES SUITE ON LINER

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and was met at the pier of the Hamburg American line by Emil Boss, resident director and the general agent of Julius P. Meyer. He was escorted to the Hamburg, which sails with him to-morrow morning for Naples, and was introduced to Capt. Burmeister. He inspected his suite, once occupied by the Emperor of Germany, and declared that it was "bully." He said that he did not want any more than the plain courtesies shown to him, as he was a private citizen. But he seemed pleased with the reception and the greeting of a throng of folks on the pier. He acknowledged their interest by giving a military salute.

Some pictures that Col. Roosevelt did not see to-day will be in his rooms when he boards the Hamburg to-morrow. The most conspicuous will be an enlarged photograph of President Taft and Gen. Edwards, who returned with President Taft aboard the American liner, President Grant.

The picture was taken while Mr. Taft was standing with the general at the head of the saloon companionway, at the top of which is an oil painting of Gen. Grant, which is also in the picture. President Taft had written under the picture, "With love and best wishes of W. H. Taft, to Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, March 20, 1909."

Booked to the Limit.

Hundreds wanted to take passage on the Hamburg when it became known that Col. Roosevelt was going to be a passenger, but she had been booked up to the limit in the first cabin, and there was nothing in the second to-day obtainable. The parlor of the Roosevelt suite has been stocked with the newest books on African travel and hunting, including Winston Churchill's "My African Journey." Col. Roosevelt has twenty pieces of baggage, mostly bags, irrespective of the outfit of the Smithsonian Institution.

Gen. James S. Clarkson, surveyor of the port, has invited a party of friends and admirers of Col. Roosevelt to accompany the Hamburg down the bay from her harbor pier in the big ocean tug John J. Timmon, whose owners have tendered the tug to the surveyor. Some of those who will go on the tug are Col. Abel D. Smith, Postmaster Morgan, W. G. McAdoo, John Hays Hammond, Judge E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation; William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port; Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life; members of the Outlook staff, and Capt. Butt, military aid to President Taft.

After Col. Roosevelt got through with his visits in Manhattan he went to his home in Oyster Bay, arriving there in the evening. A committee of his fellow-townsmen telling him of his engrossed schedule, telling him that they appreciated him. Col. Roosevelt said he was glad to know that his neighbors thought so well of him; that he would never part with the resolutions, and that they would be handed down to his family.

COSTLY HALF PINT LIQUOR.

Baltimore Salesman Who Tested Byrd Law Assessed \$100.

Richmond, Va., March 22.—John G. Binford, of Baltimore, who came here last year and undertook to sell liquor by sample and without getting a license, will have to pay a fine of \$100 and costs for selling a half pint.

The case was made to test the Byrd law. He notified the police that he would sell the liquor. He was fined in the Police Court and appealed to the Corporation Court, which affirmed the lower court. The Supreme Court to-day refused to grant a writ of error. Binford represented the High Spire Distilling Company.

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RAILROAD MAN GETS POST.

Lloyd W. Bowers Is Appointed Solicitor General.

The President yesterday announced the appointment of Lloyd W. Bowers, of Chicago, as solicitor general of the United States. Mr. Bowers will succeed Henry M. Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, Yale classmate of the President, who recently resigned with the announced intention of resuming the practice of law in Philadelphia.

The appointment of Mr. Bowers is said not to be a political one, although it is entirely acceptable to Senator Cullom, of Illinois. Mr. Bowers has been since 1883 general counsel of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway.

The new solicitor general has been personally well known to the President since his college days. He is fifty years old, was born in Springfield, Mass., was graduated from Yale in 1879, one year later than Mr. Taft, and from the Columbia Law School in 1882.

AUSTRIA FAVORS PEACE.

Delays Sending Note to Prevent Further Trouble.

Vienna, March 22.—In the Reichsrath to-day Premier Baron von Bismarck confirmed the report that Austria had deferred sending her note to Serbia. He gave as the reason therefor that Austria did not wish to further accentuate the situation, and that she understood that the powers wished to give further advice to Serbia, which, it was hoped, the latter would follow.

He added that while Austria was prepared to show the greatest patience, she was as a duty toward herself to her utmost to speedily terminate the impossible conditions on the frontier.

This, however, would not prevent her from sending a note to Serbia, so that when she realized the situation she might grasp it.

JUSTICE'S SPEEDY WORK.

Christian Electrocutated Thirty-one Days After Committing Crime.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., March 22.—Thirty-one days after he committed his crime, Aurelius Christian, a negro, was electrocuted to-day for assaulting and killing fourteen-year-old Annie May Dobbis, in Botetown County.

The trial, conviction, and electrocution of Christian establish a new record in the annals of Virginia justice. Christian was tried and convicted within twenty hours after his crime. The court was not in session an hour, as the negro confessed his crime.

Christian confessed again to the crime before being put to death this morning.

TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Young Men Ran Off with Gasoline Launch with Fatal Results.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., March 22.—Richard Armstrong and Edward Matthews, young white men, were killed late Saturday night in Chuckatuck Creek by an explosion on a gasoline launch, and their bodies were burned beyond recognition before rescue came.

The men were on a debauch, and had taken the boat without permission. Richard Skinner, in an effort to stop them, jumped aboard at the start, but was not allowed in the engine room. He jumped overboard after the explosion, and his outcries brought help in time to save the craft, which had gone ashore about five miles from Crittenden.

Coroner Bunting deemed an inquest unnecessary, and the victims were buried to-day.

MAY GRANT LICENSES.

"Wet" Council Is Elected—Fairmont Has Been "Dry" for Year.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fairmont, W. Va., March 22.—The election here resulted in the choosing of a "wet" council. The license question was not voted on directly, but the councilmen favoring license had a majority over those opposed to license of 150.

The issue was made on the attitude of the councilman candidates on the liquor question.

The following were elected: City clerk, E. B. Carskadon, Republican; council, Z. W. Morgan, Republican; A. D. Simon, Democrat; C. Powell, Democrat; J. E. Linn, Republican, and George Brand, Republican. With the holdovers, the Republicans have a majority of two in the council.

Carl Riggs, Democratic candidate for council in the Fifth ward, withdrew at the last moment and qualified as a commissioner of election, leaving the Democrats without a candidate. The First ward voted dry, as did the Fifth, while the Second and Third wards voted wet. The new council will likely vote for issuing of licenses. Fairmont has been dry the past year.

TEACHERS HOLD CONFERENCE.

Seventh and Eighth Districts Will Meet at Manassas.

Manassas, Va., March 22.—The joint educational conference of the Seventh and Eighth districts of Virginia, lasting three days, will open here March 25. The conference will have as its object, in brief, the assembling in one meeting of all the forces of education in the two districts, consisting of principals, teachers in both public and private schools, division superintendents, trustees, supervisors, and patrons, for the discussion of educational problems in general. It is the aim of the conference to eliminate all but questions of the most practical nature, and in its scope will be along much broader lines than a teacher's institute.

The meeting is to be opened with an address of welcome by George C. Round in the afternoon, while Gov. Claude A. Swanson will make an address in the evening. On the second day, among other addresses, will be one by Dr. E. E. Brown, United States Commissioner of Education. Mr. H. F. Burton, director of the Manassas Agricultural High School, will tell of the work accomplished by the scholars of the new institution in scientific farming.

SMALL BOYS ROB STORE.

Seven Lads Locked Up at Covington for Burglary.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Covington, Va., March 22.—This morning F. C. Jessor, confectioner, found that his store had been entered and robbed. This robbery, following in the wake of the Parker & Co. robbery Saturday night and other robberies during the past week, caused the merchants and officers to try to find the thieves.

Upon questioning some small boys with baseballs in their possession, they confessed to the Jessor robbery. Three white and four colored boys were locked in jail. The white boys are sons of prominent business men here.

Parker & Co. had offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest of the party or parties who entered their store Saturday night. The local police have no clue, and suspicion is that a band of yegmen have been committing the robberies.

The band of boys only committed the Jessor stealing.

NORFOLK GETS READY

Will Give Virginian Railroad Warm Welcome.

BANQUET IN HONOR OF ROGERS

Over 400 Business Men Along New

Railway Are Invited to Celebration

Formal Opening of Road

Occurs April 2-Pier Then Re-

ceives Its First Car of Coal.

Norfolk, Va., March 22.—Arrangements for the celebration for the formal opening of the Virginian Railway, on April 2, by the citizens of Norfolk are going forward with a rush. The committee on invitations is busy sending out invitations to 400 business men in cities and towns along the line of the Virginian, who will come here in a special train for the celebration.

Abbott Morris, of the committee on transportation, sent out a circular letter to the automobile owners of the city and vicinity, asking their co-operation in entertaining the visitors. The railway will have been completed by April 2. The coal piers will then be ready to handle the first shipment of coal. H. H. Rogers, who at the cost of \$400,000 built the railway, will be here, and it is the desire of the people of Norfolk that he shall meet many of the people living along the line of the railway.

The special train bringing the visitors will arrive in this city on the morning of April 2 at 8:30 o'clock. The visitors will be met by a committee of citizens and escorted to the various hotels for breakfast. From 11 until 3 o'clock the visitors will be taken on a special steamer trip around Norfolk Harbor, giving them an opportunity of seeing the navy yard, the Virginian piers, Old Point, and other places of interest on the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads. Luncheon will be served on board the steamer.

From 5 to 6 o'clock there will be a reception in the rooms of the board of trade, where the guests will meet Mr. Rogers. This will be followed by a buffet supper from 6 to 7 o'clock. In the evening the visitors will be entertained at the theaters.

LYNCHING IS FEARED.

Twenty Men at Powhatan Guard Negroes to Be Tried for Murder.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Powhatan Court House, Va., March 22.—Only three of the negroes accused of the murder of Mrs. Mary W. Skipton and Walter G. Johnson, who were killed and their bodies cremated in the burning Skipton mansion on February 12, they being Robert Taylor, brother of Joe Taylor, one of the alleged chief conspirators in the crime, James Brown, and Stephen Johnson, were brought to Powhatan this morning to be tried for the crime.

John Brown, another one of the alleged chief conspirators, was left in the Henric County Jail in defiance of a telegram from the Powhatan authorities, who had been advised that there might be an attempt to lynch Brown on the way.

Both of the Taylors and Lewis Jenkins allowed the deputies will guard them. They are now in the jail at Farmville. They will be brought here for trial to-morrow morning.

There is considerable talk of an attempt to lynch the prisoners during the night. Twenty armed deputies will guard them day and night until the trial is finished. There is a feeling of uneasiness throughout the community.

REAL ESTATE NOTES.

Representative Francis Burton Harrison has leased the Quay residence, Seventeenth and K streets northwest, one of the finest homes in Washington. It was built by the late Senator Quay, and is admirably arranged for entertaining. Until recently the Quay house was occupied by Third Assistant Secretary of State Phillips. Robert Bacon, Secretary of State, also lived in it for a time.

Lewis E. Breuninger has sold through N. L. Sansbury the semi-detached house just completed at 1828 Park road northwest. It contains nine rooms, is trimmed in quartered oak, and elaborately finished and decorated. The house is heated by hot water and lighted by both gas and electricity. The lot is of large dimensions, affording ample space for lawn purpose, and the house has a broad porch, extending across the entire front. This is one of sixteen similar houses recently erected by the same builder on this square, all but one of which have been sold—most of them before completion. The purchaser of the property, Miss Katherine Koetz, will occupy it as a home. The price is understood to have been \$8,750.

Shannon & Luchs report the sale of the three-story brick residence at 345 Fourteenth street northwest to Miss Laura French, who will occupy the property as her home. It contains nine rooms and two baths. The transaction was made through the office of Harry A. Wagstaff, and price was \$7,500.

The unimproved lot near the southeast corner of Seventh and F streets northwest, it is understood, has been sold to several merchants, who will soon improve it by a handsome structure. It is said \$90,000 will be paid for the property.

The lot fronts nearly ninety feet on F street and extends a little less than 100 feet in the rear of the Federal office building. It is reported that a deal between the syndicate of local capitalists and the nonresident owners of the property has been practically closed, although no papers have as yet been filed. The consideration for the transfer is based upon the rate of about \$7 per square foot.

Covington Appoints Secretary.

Easton, Md., March 22.—Representative J. Harry Covington has appointed M. Tighman Johnston, of near Easton and a member of the New York bar, as his secretary. Mr. Johnston will attend to much of the office work of Representative Covington in Easton while he is in Washington.

Hyde and Schneider Given Until April 15 to File Brief.

Frederick A. Hyde and Joet H. Schneider, who were convicted of conspiracy against the government in the land fraud case, which resulted in the longest and most costly trial ever held in the District Supreme Court, were yesterday given an extension of time from April 1 to April 15 in which to submit their bill of exceptions.

The